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SUBJ: EXECUTIVE VISITS FOR DUTCH OFFICIALS

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WE WISH TO NOMINATE TWO DUTCH POLICE OFFICIALS FOR EXECUTIVE
OBSERVATION PROGRAM AT DEA (75STATE A-2665, PARA 3C),
TO BE SCHEDULED FOR FIRST TWO TO THREE WEEKS IN NOVEMBER.
PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER TRAINING CAN BE AUTHORIZED. NOM-
INATIONS AND JUSTIFICATION FOLLOW:

1. JAN VAN STRATEN. AS HEAD OF THE RECENTLY CREATED
NATIONAL ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT (VERDOVENDE MIDDELEN CENTRALE,
OR VMC)
--SEE THE HAGUE 3064-- VAN STRATEN IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH
AN EFFECTIVE, CENTRALIZED INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM. WE SHARE HIS
BELIEF THAT HE WOULD BENEFIT FROM OBSERVING INTELLIGENCE
OPERATIONS IN DEA HEADQUARTERS. VAN STRATEN IS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN HOW INTERNAL OFFICE WORK IS ORGANIZED; I.E.,
WHAT IS DONE WITH RAW DATA, HOW ARE THEY ANALYZED, HOW DISTRIBUTED,
GROUPED, EVALUATED?

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2. GERARD TOORENAAR. AS CHIEF OF THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

DIVISION OF THE AMSTERDAM POLICE, TOORENAAR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS' MAJOR HEROIN MARKET. THROUGH SKILLFUL USE OF THE MEDIA, TOORENAAR HAS DONE AS MUCH AS ANY PERSON IN THE NETHERLANDS TO BRING THE COUNTRY'S DRUG PROBLEM BEFORE THE PUBLIC. NOW, BECAUSE VAN STRATEN'S NEW UNIT MUST RELY HEAVILY ON MUNICIPAL POLICE AND ESPECIALLY THAT OF AMSTERDAM, TOORENAAR'S COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL TO VMC'S AND THEREFORE NATIONAL PROGRAM'S SUCCESS. TOORENAAR IS INTERESTED IN BOTH INTELLIGENCE, AND FIELD WORK. INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE A VISIT TO MEXICO OR AT LEAST TO DEA DISTRICT OFFICE IN MEXICAN BORDER AREA. WE BELIEVE THAT TOORENAAR WOULD BE LIKELY TO IMPLEMENT QUICKLY ANY WORTHWHILE TECHNIQUES HE LEARNS DURING VISIT, BUT WE THINK THAT BOTH TOORENAAR AND VAN STRATEN WOULD BENEFIT MORE FROM VISITING THE COORDINATED LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT IN VANCOUVER, CANADA, WHERE SITUATION IS CLOSER TO THAT OF NETHERLANDS AND THEY WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DUTCH CANADIAN LINKS. IF TOORENAAR DOES GO TO MEXICAN BOARDER AREA, WE RECOMMEND THAT HE VISIT THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER.

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